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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the Cross-Reference to Related Application: after "1997,"  
insert -- which is a continuation of application Serial No.

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5,604,697) --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or  
disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

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